

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CLAIRE LUKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL FAIRFAX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Claire Luke for over 13 years of dedicated service to the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce as the Executive Director.

Ms. Luke first served the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (CFCC) as Events Coordinator in 1989. At that time, chamber membership was comprised of 250 businesses, and the group held only two events per month. Since then, largely due to Ms. Luke's dedicated efforts and impressive organization, membership has increased to over 850 businesses. Today, 3,500 area business people are able to participate in 7–10 events per month.

For years, Ms. Luke has worked tirelessly on the chamber's behalf. She successfully has overseen coordination of seminars, breakfasts, luncheons, mixers, and 12 active committees. Additionally, she skillfully has directed special events such as the Regional Business Showcase, the Taste of Fairfax, Fall Family Festival, and a golf tournament.

Under Ms. Luke's guidance, the CFCC scholarship, awarded annually to a select number of deserving high school seniors, has gained great recognition. Ms. Luke further contributes to local education by serving on the board of directors for the Margaret Kilpatrick Adams Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Luke also has been incredibly involved in the annual Chocolate Festival, which the CFCC sponsors. She was a member of the founding board for this event and has served on this committee for 14 years. For the past two years, she has served as committee chairman.

Throughout her accomplished career, Ms. Luke has received numerous awards, among them the 1999 ATHENA Award honoring her efforts in fostering business leadership and assistance. Ms. Luke was also admitted into the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Hall of Fame for her assistance to Robinson Secondary School with their National Projects. Furthermore, in 1998, Ms. Luke's high standards and extensive contributions led to her selection as the Rotarian of the Year, and also as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1996.

Not only a dedicated community servant, Ms. Luke also is a loving wife and mother of two. While raising her family, she was able to make time to serve on the Family Services Board of Directors, as President of the Officers' Wives Club, and as a volunteer in the Red Cross during her husband's military career in the Air Force.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Ms. Luke on her retirement

from the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. While I know that she will be greatly missed, her retirement is well deserved. Her significant contributions are much appreciated and greatly admired. I congratulate her on a job well done. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Luke and in wishing her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF KATHLEEN KELLUMS—PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Kathleen Kellums, as she is named President of the Business and Professional Women of Ohio. Since 1919, Business and Professional Women-USA, has served to support, promote and advance opportunity and equity for all women, in and out of the workplace.

Light years ahead of their time, the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women was instated in 1920, the same year that women finally won the right to vote. Today, as in 1920, this agency continues to build on a strong and brilliant foundation of support, education and guidance, focusing on women who were previously denied any opportunity to advance themselves personally or professionally. And even today, as women continue to rise above the stormy waters of gender inequality in the workplace, the Business and Professional Women exists to provide safe passages for women—pathways and bridges of support that help connect professional dreams to professional accomplishments.

A consummate professional in her own right, Kathleen Kellums continues to reflect accomplishment, leadership and tenacity throughout her professional endeavors. Her professional background includes executive positions in both the public and private sectors, and also includes significant community outreach contributions as a committed activist with many organizations, including the Parent Teacher Association and local Jaycee's. Ms. Kellums became a member of the Berea Business and Professional Women (BPW) in 1992, and currently holds the position of President. Her activism and leadership within the BPW has made a significant impact on the lives of many women by opening doors of opportunity and offering guidance, assistance and tangible support.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Kathleen Kellums, as she evolves from President of the Berea Business and Professional Women to President of the Business and Professional Women of Ohio. Her work as a state leader will serve

to uplift the lives of countless Ohio women of all ages, as they journey toward advancing their professional and educational dreams—thereby advancing the progression of our entire community.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ANGELA CINQUINO

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Mrs. Angela Cinquino. A dedicated civil service employee, Mrs. Cinquino has worked for City of Philadelphia Register of Wills Office for twenty-four years.

Mrs. Cinquino began her career with the City of Philadelphia in January 1980 as a Record Clerk II in the Register of Wills. For the next two and half decades, she provided Philadelphia with exemplary service as a Record Clerk III, Account Associate I, and Receptionist Clerk. In addition to her professional success, Mrs. Cinquino has remained involved in her local community by serving as a committeewoman for the past thirty years and serving as a member of Democratic Women for the past seventeen years.

Mrs. Cinquino will enjoy the fact that retirement allows her to spend more quality time with her wonderful family. I am sure that her husband Joseph, her two children Nicholas and Angela, and her four grandchildren, Nicholas, Noelle, Mia Nicollete, and Santino are all very proud.

Mrs. Cinquino will retire from the City of Philadelphia Register of Wills Office on May 19, 2004. In recognition of her years of service to the Philadelphia community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate her on her retirement.

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week was Cover the Uninsured Week, I rise today to salute an organization which is working to do just that, working to provide assistance to some of the 44 million Americans who can not afford health insurance today.

Dr. Dana Kuhn, President and Co-founder of Patient Services Incorporated (PSI), is a policy entrepreneur who thinks outside the box on how to provide health insurance coverage for those with chronic and catastrophic illnesses. PSI has successfully found a potential solution to this epidemic problem, which affects 44 million of our fellow Americans.

Since PSI was established in 1989, this national non-profit has worked with struggling

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families afflicted with such disorders as Hemophilia, Alpha One Antitrypsin Deficiency, Colorectal Cancer and Breast Cancer, Crohn's Disease, and Immune Deficiencies, just to name a few. PSI assists by identifying health insurance policies as well as subsidizing the health insurance premiums and pharmacy copayments for these families. PSI is financially supported through private donations from individuals, pharmaceutical manufacturers, foundations, and other corporations and uses these donations to ensure affordable health insurance coverage for the uninsured and underinsured.

PSI has a 15-year success rate of putting the uninsured and underinsured back to work by providing a bridge from insecurity and disease to one of accessing affordable duality health care therapies. During its 15 years of existence, PSI has helped about 20,000 Americans. The PSI model works to provide Americans with millions of dollars worth of medical care for just 5% of the total cost of care.

PSI saves middle-class families from becoming financially devastated when they have a family member with an expensive chronic illness. It is the only non-profit of its kind providing health insurance premium assistance and pharmacy copayment assistance. In 2002, PSI received a positive Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Opinion for the work it does with Medicare Part B Copayments, Deductibles, and Medigap Premiums.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to salute Dr. Kuhn and the staff of Patient Services Incorporated for their hard work and resourcefulness in developing a workable solution for the epidemic of uninsured Americans.

H.R. 3722, THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS OF 2004

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, I would like to include an exchange of letters to be included as part of the discussion of H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2004.

Hon. JOE BARTON,
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BARTON: I am writing concerning H.R. 3722, the "Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004," which was introduced on January 21, 2004, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters concerning Medicare. Sec. 3 of H.R. 3722 waives the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), and thus falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means. However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this bill.

This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 3722, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2004.

Hon. BILL THOMAS,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, 1102
Longworth House Office Building, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your letter of May 17, 2004 concerning H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004. Although this bill was referred solely to the Committee on Energy and Commerce upon introduction, I will be happy to keep you apprised of the status of this legislation.

As requested, I will include this exchange of correspondence in the Congressional Record on H.R. 3722.

Sincerely,

JOE BARTON,
Chairman.

HONORING SOPHIE R. HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREAT- ER WASHINGTON

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sophie R. Hoffman for over two decades of dedicated service to the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, including 2 years as their president.

Sophie R. Hoffman has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish community, advocating Jewish interests, strengthening public support for Israel, building ties with other faith, minority, and ethnic groups and establishing a framework for social action.

While serving the Jewish community, Ms. Hoffman has enhanced the quality of life for those around her. She played a key role in securing over \$2 million in grants for Jewish social service agencies, which provide for vulnerable citizens throughout Greater Washington.

For years, Ms. Hoffman has committed herself to strengthening public support for Israel. Her duties included presenting Cardinal McCarrick with a menorah to honor the heroes and martyrs of the Holocaust. This was then permanently placed on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

Furthermore, the Council has established and developed public school literacy programs under Ms. Hoffman's guidance. She has also been incredibly involved in preserving the principles of religious freedom in public schools and working to nurture a positive environment for the children. Her remarkable organization efforts have helped to create a framework for social action.

Throughout her accomplished career as a dedicated public servant, Ms. Hoffman has

continuously demonstrated her vitality and commitment towards the Greater Washington community. Due to her contributions of time and talent, the diverse society is able to maintain its beauty while evolving to keep pace with the rapidly changing region.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Ms. Hoffman on her retirement from the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Her significant contributions are much appreciated and greatly admired. I congratulate her on a job well done. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Hoffman and in wishing her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JOHN DROTLEFF, CONDUCTOR OF THE WEST SHORE CHORALE AND ORCHES- TRA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of John Drotleff—admirable conductor, musician and friend, as he celebrates his Twentieth Anniversary of performing, leading and conducting the West Shore Chorale and Orchestra.

Beyond his exemplary work with the West Shore Chorale, Mr. Drotleff has taught music at several local colleges, middle schools and high schools throughout Ohio—consistently inspiring our youth to attain their personal best and allow their natural musical talents to shine through. Mr. Drotleff was Chairman of Fine Arts at Lakewood High School, and has been a faculty member with Hiram College for the past 6 years, where he conducts the Hiram College Choir and Hiram College Madrigal Singers. At Hiram, Mr. Drotleff teaches choral conducting, music theory and secondary choral methods.

Mr. Drotleff's college ensembles have performed in New York, Boston, Chicago, and Detroit, and most notably, they have performed at the Kennedy Center and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Mr. Drotleff has also conducted the Youngstown Symphony Chorus and has served as a guest conductor for many musical groups throughout the northeastern United States.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude to Mr. John Drotleff as he celebrates 20 years of leadership, inspiration and guidance as conductor of the West Shore Chorale and Orchestra. His remarkable ability to connect, inspire and uplift every member of his orchestra has significantly raised the level of musical offerings and has significantly increased public interest in every performance of the Chorale. An outstanding conductor, teacher and musical scholar, Mr. John Drotleff's love of music and strong confidence in his charges serves to draw the highest level of excellence from within the heart and soul of each performer. The lyrical and joyous concerto that personifies Mr. John Drotleff's life is a brilliant and treasured gift within our community that connects us through the universal language of music—uplifting our entire community on the wings of a song.